(ii) Revamp of the plant at an approximate cost of Rs. 19 crores.

(iii) A scheme for installation of *molecular sieve* Unit in Air Separation Plant at a cost of *Rs. 13.64 crores.*

F.C.I. has also sent a proposal to set up 2×19 MW Captive Power Plants at a cost of Rs. 142.64 crores.

Branch of Technological Research Institute for Food Technology in Madhya Pradesh

3076. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :
KUMARI VIMLA VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a branch of Technological Research Institute for Food Technology in Madhya Pradesh keeping in view the growing number of food processing units and to maintain the requisite standard of quality ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No Sir, however Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore has already set up a Regional Centre at Nagpur to meet the need of the central part of the country on various aspects relating to food technology.

[English]

Sick Small Scale Industries in Kerala

3077. SHRI A. CHARLES :
SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of registered tiny and Small Scale Industries with an investment of less than five lakh rupees in Kerala ;

(b) the total number of persons employed in these industries :

(c) the number out of them which are sick and the number which are making profits ;

(d) the reasons for the sickness of some of the industries : and

(e) the steps taken to revive them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) The total estimated number of registered SSI units including those with investment in plant and machinery less than Rs. 5 lakhs coming under the purview of SIDO in Kerala as on 31-12-1990 was 55821.

(b) The total number of persons employed in the above SSI units in Kerala is not separately available.

(c) As per RBI data, the number of sick SSI units in Kerala as on December 31, 1988 was 20735. Data on the number of SSI units making profits are not compiled by the RBI under the present data reporting system of banks.

(d) A number of causes, both internal and external often operating in combination have been responsible for sickness in the small scale sector.

Some of the identified major causes of sickness in the small scale sector are paucity of adequate raw materials and working capital, delayed realisation of receivables, particularly from large units, marketing problems, management deficiencies, technological obsolescence, frequent power cuts/trippings, labour problems, etc.

(e) Steps taken to revive sick units include issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to all scheduled commercial banks in regard to rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector with specific reference to definition of sick SSI units, viability norms, incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation packages in the case of potentially viable sick units.

On the advice of the Government of India, Reserve Bank of India has set up State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) in all States including Kerala under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of viable sick small scale units.

The Small Industry Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has been organising rehabilitation meets in different States including Kerala to help primary lending institutions and promoters in drawing up mutually acceptable rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick SSI units.

The Union Ministry of Industry is also operating a Centrally Sponsored Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick small scale units, under which quantum of assistance per unit is upto Rs. 50,000. The amount sanctioned under the scheme to the State of Kerala so far since 1983-84 is Rs. 25 lakhs.

Modification in recruitment scheme for Civil Services Examination

3078. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission follows a subject-wise quota system in the selection of candidates on the basis of their performance in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to modify this system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the capacity of T.V. transmitters in Kerala

3079. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to cover the Kannur and Kasargod districts in Kerala by television transmission from Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) whether the Government propose to take any steps to increase the capacity of the existing T.V. transmitter at Malappuram in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) There exists a microwave link bet-